(b) The main recommendations made by the Committee are as under

(i) Teaching and training establishments should be encouraged to promote commercially viable companies in software applications and training and Computer faculty should also be encouraged to set up their own commercially operated enterprises to provide com puterisation and training

(ii) About Rs 1,000 crores may be provided over a period of three years for setting up of five new Advanced Information Systems Institutes like IITs, upgradation of about 15 existing main centres in the educational institutions to centres for Information Technology and for providing minimum computer facilities in about 100 universities and other teaching centres This investment should be recovered within five years from the beneficiaries-present and potential

(iii) Provide tax benefits for investments in computer facilities as applicable to R & D expenditure

(iv) Introduce a new course – BCA (Computer Applications) and special programmes for the degree holders from other streams

(v) An autonomous Apex Body which will set guidelines for the growth of computer manpower development should be constituted The Apex Body should have an Accreditation Board for Computer Education to safeguard the standards in com puter education

An interim Committee may be constituted immediately till the permanent Apex Body is constituted

(vi) Encourage private institutions cooperative colleges, etc for development of computer manpower with other local or NRI participation

(vii) All the formal computer education should be under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource De velopment only

(c) The Government is examining the recommendations

**Fast Train Between Delhi and Bhubaneswar**

2289 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a super fast train between Delhi and Bhubaneswar/Puri,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Operational and resource constraints

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